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File: Snow Routes
4700 N. Sheridan Rd.

September 8, 1993

Honorable Helen Shiller
Alderman, 46th Ward
1138 West Montrose Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60613

Dear Alderman Shiller:

This letter is in response to your proposed ordinance of June 9, 1993, and your ongoing request to remove priority emergency snow route parking prohibitions (No Parking - 3 A.M. to 7 A.M. - December 1 to April 1) from North Sheridan Road between Irving Park Road and Leland Avenue.

The objective of this request was to address community parking problems during the winter months. We also recognize the need to address community parking problems in this area.

The existing Chicago Snow Plan was developed by an inter-agency task force in 1979 to respond to the 1979 snow emergency. Priority snow routes were selected for the following reasons:

1. Critical CTA service and garage routes
2. Critical corridors into the Central Area
3. Access routes to hospitals, police and fire stations

A total of 107.1 miles of priority emergency snow routes were selected including those on Sheridan Road from Devon to Irving Park Road.

In response to your request, the Chicago Department of Transportation discussed the continued need for Sheridan Road winter overnight parking prohibitions with the Office of the Mayor, the Chicago Transit Authority, and the Department of Streets and Sanitation.

The Chicago Transit Authority has indicated there is a continued need to have winter overnight parking prohibitions along the Sheridan Road corridor. In the event of a major snow storm, CTA routes from other streets are directed to Sheridan Road, in order to ensure continued public transportation to the north side of the City. The winter overnight parking prohibitions, in effect, are not intended to facilitate only the Sheridan Road bus movements in the event of a winter storm. They are intended to address north-south bus movements for the entire north corridor of the City of Chicago.

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The Chicago Department of Transportation is also concerned about setting a precedent which would damage the integrity of the priority snow route system as now exists. It is also concerned about the maintenance of the north travel corridor as it relates to public transportation.

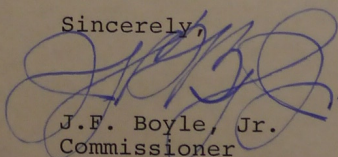
We do recognize the need, however, to respond to the community parking problems you have brought to our attention. Accordingly, we would like to recommend the following changes to the priority snow route system along Sheridan Road as an alternative to a complete removal:

1. Remove the winter overnight parking prohibitions from the east side of Sheridan Road between Irving and Leland. The winter overnight parking prohibitions would be maintained only on the west side of Sheridan Road. This recommendation would ensure adequate roadway for CTA morning inbound operations during the event of a winter storm. Snow clearance activities on the east side of Sheridan Road would be addressed during the day through the use of standard snow emergency parking prohibitions.
2. Establish Broadway between Montrose Avenue and Irving Park Road as an alternate priority snow route to Sheridan Road. Broadway primarily has commercial frontages and we do not believe that it has the same parking demands as Sheridan Road. The winter overnight parking prohibitions would need only apply to the west side of Broadway. The rationale being the same as noted in alternative 1.

We believe either of these alternatives will address the community parking problems you are concerned about.

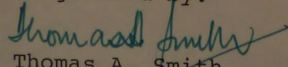
We would like to review these options with you at your earliest convenience, at which time, a final decision can be made that best resolves the complaints. Please contact my office at 744-3600 so that our dialogue may be continued and a meeting set up.

Sincerely,



J.F. Boyle, Jr.
Commissioner

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